

***Amendments to the Specification***

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following paragraph:

[0023] FIG. 2 is a block diagram of an example RFID system 200 providing communications between one or more readers 104 and tags 102, according to an embodiment of the present invention. RFID system 200 includes a user application domain 290 [[250]], a network of readers 104a-n, and one or more tags 102. Note that the invention is applicable to a single reader, as well as to a plurality of readers coupled in a network, as shown in FIG. 2. Hence, although “reader” is often referred to herein, it should be understood that the present invention is applicable to any number of readers in any configuration as required by a particular application.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following paragraph:

[0025] User application domain 290 may include one or more user applications. User applications may communicate with one or more readers 104 via a communications network or data link. A reader may receive requests regarding one or more tags 102 from the user application domain 290 [[250]]. For example, an application may request a reader 104 to interrogate a population of tags.